

FISCAL NOTE

HB 407 - SB 1585

March 4, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Revises the provisions for dispute resolution arising in disputes concerning comprehensive growth plans. The bill would allow the Secretary of State to determine the size of the dispute resolution panel rather than the three member panel that is currently required. The bill would also make the mediation process confidential and would specify that the cost to the panel of hiring consulting experts would be classified as a reasonable and necessary cost for which the affected local government would be responsible.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

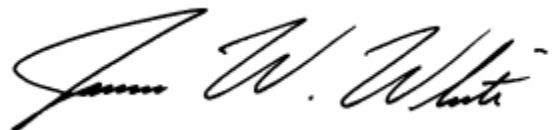
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Assumptions:

- Reducing the number of administrative law judges hearing each case would not result in a reduction in staffing levels.
- Local governments are currently billed for the cost of consulting experts.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director